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With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled: MANAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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The following are enclosed:

## X Specification

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